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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1007

26 June 1943

Your no. 2627[a]. Confidential[DOVERENNYJ] couriers on
[17 groups unrecovered]

letter with someone or other. Permit therefore sending it through
"IGOR's"[i] wife or "RITA"[ii]. She will be

[23 groups unrecovered]

AMTORG. [1 group unrecovered] ARUTYUNOV Nikolaj Bagratovich
no work in AMTORG. On

[10 groups unrecovered]

transmitted to "MAKSIM"[iii] for a check in CARTHAGE[KARFAGEN][iv]
on officials of "KIT"[v] and the TRUST[TREST][vi]. A guarantee
through the securing of [4 groups unrecovered].

Notes: [a] Not available.

Comments:

- [i] IGOR: Konstantin Mikhajlovich KUKIN, Counselor of the Soviet Embassy, LONDON. His wife, Elena Nikitichna, and their two sons were in NEW YORK at this time awaiting transportation to LONDON.
- [ii] RITA: This cover-name was used for Frank JACKSON (Jaime Ramon MERCADOR) during this same period. However, in this message it must refer to someone else. Three women were said to have been traveling with Elena Nikitichna KUKIN--ShushAEVA, TcheLOVEKOVA and VAGANOVA. The latter is the only one of these three found in local records: E.N. VAGANOVA arrived at the Soviet Embassy, LONDON in August 1943 and departed 11 November 1943. It is therefore possible that she is the individual being referred to, in this case, under the cover-name "RITA".
- [iii] MAKSIM: Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN.
- [iv] KARFAGEN: WASHINGTON, D.C.
- [v] KIT: i.e. "WHALE". Unidentified. Also occurs in NEW YORK-MOSCOW no. 867 of 8 June 1943 and SAN FRANCISCO-MOSCOW no. 168 of 16 April 1944.
- [vi] TREST: The Soviet Embassy.